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processors for running the first virtual machine, the second virtual machine, and the third virtual machine.

14 (New). The distributed computer system of claim 5, wherein the event includes a change in system state.

15 (New). The distributed computer system of claim 5, wherein the event includes one selected from the group consisting of a timer event, a mouse click event, and a disk access event.

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please replace the informal drawings IN THE DRAWINGS: with the five (5) sheets of formal drawings filed herewith (Figures 1-4). If the formal drawings for any reason are not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please so advise the undersigned.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted along with a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Please enter the above amendment in the subject case.

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